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## LOCAL BOYS WIN COTTON CONTEST

Ten Bryan County Boys, in Cotton Club, Make Best Grades at State Fair.—Used Graded Seed and Careful Cultivation.

At the Oklahoma State Fair, held in September, the Bryan County team, comprising members of the Bryan County Cotton Club, took the first prize, with a yield of fifty-one other counties contesting against them. This announcement has just been received this week by County Farm Agent Fash, who has this club work in hand.

The competitors were graded on three points: First, greatest production; second, best quality; third, history of the work. The grades are not announced as yet, but it is assured that the Bryan County boys are safely in the lead over all other counties in the State.

The Cotton Club of the County numbers among its members some thirty boys, and the best ten were selected by Mr. Fash, whose product would represent the County at the State Fair. The boys representing the county, and their residences, are as follows:

Virgil Grantham, Bokchito.  
Alva Abernathy, Bokchito.  
Ross Calpepper, Blue.  
Arl Blalock, Durant.  
Kessure Wright, Durant.  
Durward Kennedy, Durant.  
Carter McCalman, Caddo.  
Richmond Heavner, Keiser.  
Orion Adcock, Mead.

Leonard Kruger, Keiser.  
According to reports in the hands of Mr. Fash from the boys of the county, the lowest yield per acre of seed cotton for any one of them was 799 pounds, while the highest went to 1150 pounds, giving an average of 925 pounds of seed cotton per acre, or about three-fifths of a bale of ginned or lint cotton.

Mr. Fash credits the success of his boys largely to the use of properly selected and graded seed, and secondly to the practice of deep fall plowing and proper cultivation of the ground after the cotton was up and while it was maturing.

### NEW EXPRESS AGENT

Sam D. Stinson, who has been associated with the express business here for eight years, the past four of which he has been manager, has resigned his position, and is to be succeeded by E. M. Norman, who comes here from Coalgate. Mr. Stinson will take a vacation for some time, after which he will again go back to work, but has not announced in what business he will embark.

## SPECIAL SESSION JANUARY 17TH

No Official Call Yet, But the State Board of Affairs is Arranging for a Meeting Place for the Session, and It Looks Like Jan. 17 Is the Date.

While no official confirmation is obtainable, advices from Oklahoma's capital indicate strongly that there is certain to be an extra session of the legislature and that it will convene January 17th. The State Board of Public Affairs has undertaken negotiations for rooms in the India Temple building to be occupied by the law makers and the date named is believed to be the time set for the opening of the session. The formal call is not expected before the first of the year.

Members of the house and senate are co-operating in the preparation of bills to be introduced under the recommendations of the Governor. It is understood that some of the measures will start in the house, and some in the senate. So far as can be learned, the number of subjects to be submitted is small, including the election law, which is considered the chief reason for the session; the usury bill, that has been the storm-center of discussion preceding the fall revenue measures, industries for the State prisons, and the highway law, that is seemingly in need of some amendments.

Members who are at work on the program are of the opinion that the work can be completed in thirty days if the work to be done be well digested in advance and the efforts of the lawmakers confined to these subjects. It was announced by Governor Williams, when he first considered the calling of the special session that the legislation ought to be completed in thirty days at the maximum, and probably in twenty days. Whether this can be one will depend largely upon the amount of pressure that may be brought to bear upon the executive to permit the consideration of other measures than those which are now thought to be necessary.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The semi-annual election of officers of the 25-Expansion Club, which should have been held Monday night of this week, was deferred owing to the fact that many members in the retail business were busy with Christmas business. Friday night or Monday of next week will probably be selected as election night. The by-laws of the association provide that officers shall not succeed themselves, and an entire new corps will consequently have to be selected. The present officials are: M. E. Gooding, president; V. E. Kendall, vice president; W. J. Head, secretary, and Dial Currin, treasurer.

### MERRY CHRISTMAS

That our subscribers and everybody else may enjoy to the fullest extent this most delightful of all holidays—Christmas—is the wish of the Durant Weekly News.

### OIL ROYALTIES BIG HELP TO SOME STATE SCHOOLS

Tax Burden of People Is Removed in Several Districts.—Two of them in Prairie Oil and Gas Field Are Especially Wealthy.

There are several school districts in Oklahoma that are wealthy beyond the habit of common school districts, owing to the oil fields and the oil companies. One in Creek County is plutocratic because the two acres of land that the school house stands on is in the Cushing oil field and has two rich wells on it that are paying thousands of dollars royalty to the district each month. In this case the tax burden of the people of the district has been removed for many years in the future, as the revenues from the wells are heavy and will be saved for future use. Maybe they will make an endowment that will forever support the district without the taxation of the property in the district.

At Ramona and Copan, in Washington county, there are two very wealthy school districts that have elaborate buildings and paraphernalia owing to the fact that the taxable values of the districts are 97 per cent in the tank farms, where millions of barrels of oil are stored by the Prairie Oil and Gas Company. These districts have been extravagant in the building of houses and equipping the same for the reason that the costs are all paid, for the most part, by the Prairie Oil and Gas Company. It was explained by a patron of the Ramona school in these words: "Out of every \$100 costs Rockefeller pays \$97 and we pay \$3. We have the spending money. Sure, we can afford the \$60,000 building. What better way is there of spending the money than in education?"

In the Healdton district there is a community that is building a school house to cost \$70,000. The cost of this house is coming out of the values that are placed against oil production and the benefits are to be to the school children of the community.

### PRIZES FOR BEST MEAT EXHIBIT

On January third to eighth at Stillwater will be held what is known as the Oklahoma Farmers Ham and Bacon Show, when exhibits of country killed and cured meats will be judged for merit, and the winners paid cash prizes. Local Farm Agent Fash can provide anyone interested with entry blanks. Prizes will be as follows: Home cured country ham, first prize, \$15, second \$10, third \$5. Home cured country bacon, first prize, \$15, second, \$10, third \$5. Home cured country shoulder, first prize \$10, second \$5. Fresh country sausage, first prize \$10, second \$7, third \$5, fourth \$3.

Three pounds of sausage will constitute an exhibit.

All exhibits should be securely packed and wrapped and shipped by either parcel post or express to the Ham and Bacon Show, Stillwater, Ok.

### RECOVERING FROM

#### A CRIPPLED FOOT

Bill Currin is able to get about on crutches this week after being laid up for some time with a crippled foot. Bill was doing some heavy lifting at the store of the Durant Mercantile Company, where he is employed, and a heavy box dropped on the bridge of one of his feet, bruising it considerably. At first, he did not believe the injury would lay him up, but soon the foot swelled and it was found that the bone had been bruised and fractured. It was lanced by attendant physicians and treated and is now almost well.

### BOY ADJUDGED INSANE

Claude Johnson, of Bokchito, aged eighteen years, was adjudged insane Tuesday and on Wednesday was taken to the Vinla Insane Asylum by Deputy Sheriff Dave Wright. Nothing wrong was noticed with Johnson until this week, when he harnessed a team, loaded up a lot of his father's corn from the crib, hauled it to the barn of Dr. C. C. Calvert, where he unloaded it, and then went to Dr. Calvert and said that he wanted the money for it. An investigation revealed that the young man is unsound mentally.

### BRITISH WITHDRAW FROM TWO IMPORTANT POSITIONS

Were Won at the Expense of Thousands of Lives, But Inadequate Sustaining Facilities Compelled Abandonment.

The British troops at the Suvia and Anzac districts of Gallipoli Peninsula have been withdrawn. Operations in the other sections of the front on the Peninsula are to be continued it is intimated in an official statement issued from London. The withdrawal was effected without knowledge of the movement on the part of the Turks, it is declared.

The withdrawal of the troops ends more successfully than most military men thought would be possible and is the culmination of the most unfortunate chapter of the British arms in this war.

Thousands of lives were lost in gaining these positions and other thousands in holding them. The question has been constantly discussed why the generals commanding the Dardanelles expedition did not try to make a landing near the center of the peninsula in the beginning and cut off the Turkish troops on the lower end. When the attempt was finally made to secure a foothold higher up on the peninsula the Turks were fully prepared to meet it.

Moreover, the British arrangements lacked several essential features, particularly a supply of drinking water. The story has been revealed by soldiers and correspondents returning from the Mediterranean only gradually and by detail. One eyewitness declared that after the first battalion landed the men were shot down so thickly that the watchers aboard the ships were asking, "Why don't our men advance?" and thought the troops were lying down awaiting orders. The soldiers found barb wire entanglements stretching clear out under the water when they jumped from their small boats. To add to their suffering, the supply of drinking water was very short.

### MAY ORGANIZE A CHAUTAUQUA ASSOCIATION

Oliver Cook, of Kansas City, has been here the past week in the interest of the Redpath-Horner Chautauqua people, who for three years have provided a summer chautauqua for this city. Heretofore the thing has been handled by the local people guaranteeing a certain per cent of the expenses of the chautauqua, and the result has been that the local people fell short, and the Redpath-Horner folks failed to make any profit from their venture into this territory. The plan suggested by Mr. Cook, and which it is likely will be followed out for the next year, is for local people, say twenty or twenty-five of them, to organize a Chautauqua association, and finance the undertaking in a business-like manner. A meeting of business men was held Monday afternoon and another Tuesday night to discuss the matter and try and arrive at some definite plan of action.

### BRYAN COUNTY GINNINGS

16,837 BALES TO DEC. 1

County Now in Fifth Place Among Counties of the State.—Was First on Last Report.

Bryan County has now fallen to fifth place as a cotton producer, four other counties in the State leading us in cotton ginned up to December first. Bryan County's ginnings were 16,837 bales, as against 20,791 bales up to the same date last year. On the last report for November Bryan County led all the other counties of the State by a substantial margin.

The counties leading Bryan, and their ginnings up to December first are as follows: Jackson, 24,441; Garvin, 17,684; Greer, 17,395, and Kiowa, 23,352.

### EASTERN STAR ELECTS OFFICERS

Saturday night the Order of the Eastern Star elected officers as follows: Mrs. Minnie Rimer, Worthy Matron; Mrs. J. B. Hickman, Associate Matron; Mrs. Emma Cotton, Secretary; Mrs. J. L. Austin, Treasurer; Mrs. J. P. McMinis, Conduetress, and Mrs. Blanche Moreland, Associate Conduetress.

## CORN YIELD 54.5 BUS. PER ACRE

Average for Twenty Adult Corn Demonstrators.—All County Average Average is Less than Twenty Bushels to the Acre.

When it is shown that twenty farmers in all parts of the county, who farmed a demonstration plot this year following approved government methods, raised a general average of fifty-four and a half bushels per acre. It looks like mighty good dope in favor of using system and sense, as oppose to carelessness and the lack of any kind of method.

County Agent Fash has just completed a compilation of the results achieved by twenty adult demonstrators in all parts of the county, and the figures show an average of fifty-four and a half bushels of corn to the acre. Careful figuring, based on community reports from all parts of the county indicate that the all-county yield on corn this year will fall below twenty bushels per acre. In other words, the fellows who used modern methods have raised two and three-fourths as much corn as the fellows who farmed just any old way.

Mr. Fash emphasizes three points in the demonstrations of corn. The first and most important, he says, is the careful grading of the seed corn, which eliminates the very small kernels and the large round kernels, as well. Aside from the fact that the well-formed flat kernels are more apt to make a stalk than others, if the seed corn is graded to a uniform size, the result is that the planter will distribute it more evenly, and a better and more even stand will be assured.

Next in importance, he says, is the proper preparation of the soil. In this connection, deep fall and winter plowing is recommended, and where the advice has been followed the results have been satisfactory in a high degree.

Then comes proper cultivation of the corn after it has been planted and is up. It is necessary that weeds, crab grass and other foreign growths be kept out as much as possible, and the corn should be well plowed at least three times, so that the roots may be protected and moisture retained.

The twenty farmers who demonstrated on corn this year and whose

## 1914 CO. MAKES GREAT STRIKE

3,000-Barrel Well Brought in on the Emaline Colbert Lease, Owned by Durant Parties.—Were 275 Feet Down into the Sand.

The biggest strike of oil yet made in the Healdton field by Durant people was made Monday when the 1914 Company's big drilling rig at work on the Emaline Colbert lease, section 31, 3-3, brought in what is carefully estimated to be a 3,000 barrel a day well. Up until the time this is written, a borer could not be gotten into the well, and four two-inch pipes were required to carry off the normal flow of oil from the well. The well is right up in among the other big wells of the field, and between two of the far-famed McMann Company strikes which themselves are close to the 3,000-barrel-a-day each production. The drill had penetrated the sand to a depth of two hundred and seventy-five feet when it was found impossible to go farther. The strike caused a sensation in the field, and is many times bigger than any other well brought in since the summer of 1914.

The 1914 Company, capitalized at a small figure, is a close corporation, seven of the eight equal parts belonging to seven Durant men, as follows: Dr. J. B. Smith, Dr. G. M. Rushing, Dr. P. L. Cain of Albany, R. E. Highnote, James E. Downen, M. L. Roberts and L. L. Lee. The other eighth interest is owned by the Climax Oil Company, most of which company is owned in Durant.

efforts brought about the results mentioned, are as follows:

W. C. Carter, Durant.  
L. B. Josseland, Durant.  
L. Paulin, Durant.  
J. W. Hill, Durant.  
Z. V. Gordon, Caddo.  
J. W. Richardson, Caddo.  
C. C. Lawrence, Caddo.  
W. R. Smith, Mead.  
J. B. Dorsey, Mead.  
George Farrin, Mead.  
Sam Bacon, Mead.  
J. Davis, Mead.  
W. M. Montgomery, Mead.  
Thos. Bryson, Achille.  
W. M. Kemp, Achille.  
J. E. Dagley, Achille.  
J. M. Hollingsworth, Achille.  
Bob Lemmons, Achille.  
Geo. W. Hoking, Achille.  
C. C. Abernathy, Bokchito.



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—AND A—  
Happy New Year